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SUBJECT:OPEC TERRORIST INCIDENT

REF: A. PORT-OF SPAIN 3074, B. PORT OF SPAIN 0001

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER ON OPEC INCIDENT,
YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING.

2. DETAILS OF INCIDENT STILL SKETCHY. NEVERTHELESS,
MAIN PURPOSE OF OPEC TERRORISTS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN (A)
GIVING PUBLICITY TO POSITION THAT EGYPTIAN SETTLEMENT
WITH ISRAEL IS SELL-OUT AND MUST BE REJECTED, AND (B) EM-
BARRASSING MORE MODERATE ARAB GOVERNMENTS. ACCORDING TO
CURRENT INFORMATION, TERRORISTS CONSISTED OF VENEZUELAN,
WHO IS PROBABLY THE WELL-KNOWN CARLOS, TWO GERMANS, AND
TWO PALESTINIANS. AS YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, TERRORISTS
HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY ALGIERS. THEIR CURRENT WHEREABOUTS
ARE UNKNOWN.

3. THUS FAR MIDDLE EAST GOVERNMENTS, WITH EXCEPTION OF
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LIBYA AND SOUTH YEMEN, HAVE PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY CON-

DEMNERED TERRORISTS. EGYPT HAS ALSO PUBLICLY TAKEN ALGERIA
TO TASK FOR RELEASING TERRORISTS.

4. IN WAKE OF INCIDENT, COLOMBIAN AND VENEZUELAN PRESI-
DENTS CALLED FOR SPECIAL UNGA TO DISCUSS TERRORISM.
GOVERNMENT-GUIDED IRANIAN PRESS HAS ALSO CALLED FOR
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO COMBAT TERRORISM. IN DIS-
CUSSING INTERNATIONAL MEASURES WITH PRIME MINISTER, YOU
SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF RESOLUTION USG INTRODUCED AT UNGA
IN 1972 RECOMMENDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EXCHANGES OF
INFORMATION ON TERRORIST PLANS AND ACTIVITIES AND CALLING
ON MEMBER STATES TO PREVENT USE OF THEIR TERRITORY OR
RESOURCES TO AID OR TO GIVE SANCTUARY TO TERRORIST GROUPS.
WE URGED ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION AT LAST UNGA. COPY
OF RESOLUTION BEING POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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